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1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CHAIRMAN
MORGAN:

QUOTE DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF DEC 10
ABOUT THE UPCOMING VISIT TO EGYPT THAT YOU,
REPRESENTATIVE BROOMFIELD AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WILL MAKE IN
EARLY JANUARY. I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THE DELAY
IN DELIVERY WAS DUE TO CHRISTMAS MAIL BACKLOG.

I HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE OF THIS VISIT AND AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU
AND THE MEMBERS WILL BE COMING. HAVING IN MIND
YOUR UNDERSTANDABLE DESIRE NOT TO BE OVERLOADED,
WE HAVE SUBMITTED A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR
YOUR APPROVAL. I AM ANXIOUS THAT YOU AND THE
DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE GROUP HAVE A
PRODUCTIVE, INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE VISIT TO
EGYPT. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE WILL BE PLEASED
TO BE OF ALL ASSISTANCE TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS.

I HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
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FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. UNFORTUNATELY,

THE PRESIDENCY HAS THE PRACTICE OF NOT FIXING A TIME FOR SUCH MEETINGS UNTIL THE GUESTS ARE ACTUALLY IN EGYPT. AS A RESULT, WE WILL NOT GET AN EXACT TIME UNTIL YOUR GROUP HAS ARRIVED. I EXPECT IT WILL BE SOMETIME ON THE MORNING OF JAN 6. I KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY AT THE LUNCH THAT WAS GIVEN FOR HIM AT THE CAPITOL AND THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF WELCOMING YOU IN CAIRO.

MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT IT NOW APPEARS I WILL NOT BE IN CAIRO DURING YOUR VISIT. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS ASKED ME TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS ON JAN 5-6, WHICH MEANS I WILL HAVE TO DEPART THE PREVIOUS DAY. BOTH AS CHIEF OF MISSION AND AS A FELLOW PENNSYLVANIAN, I AM DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THAT I WILL NOT BE HERE TO GREET YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP. MY WIFE AND MY DEPUTY, FRANK MAESTRONE, WILL DO THE HONORS ON MY BEHALF.

MR. MAESTRONE AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM WILL PROVIDE THE EMBASSY BRIEFING THAT YOU REQUESTED. IF YOU OR THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP HAVE ANY OTHER SPECIAL WISHES, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY,

HERMANN FREDERICK EILTS
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

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2. GIVEN THE SLOWNESS OF THE MAILS AND THE UPCOMING NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY, I HAVE THOUGHT IT BEST TO SEND THIS REPLY TO CHAIRMAN MORGAN THROUGH TELEGRAPHIC CHANNELS.

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